

Outcomes for Senate Subcommittee No. 3: Monday, April 24th
(Use this document with the Agenda for the day.)

A. Special Order— CA Developmental Disabilities System (CADDIS) (Page 2)

- **Action.** The DDS was told by each Member of the Subcommittee to provide staff and the LAO with appropriate information regarding the “going forward” aspects of the proposal, as well as a potential “Plan B”. The Chair directed the DDS to provide as much information as possible prior to the May Revision.

B. ITEMS FOR “VOTE ONLY”— Health Services (Items 1 through 6; Pages 4 through7)

- **Action.** Approved as noted on the Agenda for Items 1, 2, 3, and 5.
- **Vote.** 3-0
- **Action.** Approved as noted on the Agenda for Items 4 and 6.
- **Vote.** 2-1 (Senator Cox)

C. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION---Department of Health Services (Page 8)

1. Establish a Continuing Education Program for Environmental Health Specialists (Page 8)

- **Action.** Deny the request and trailer bill.
- **Vote.** 2-1 (Senator Chesbro)

2. DHS Licensing and Certification (L&C) Division Staff Increase (Page 10)

- **Action.** (1) Augmented by \$434,000 (Licensing and Certification Fee) and changed the 23 HFE I positions to the more experienced Registered Nurse classification of Health Facility Evaluator Nurse; (2) Changed the 23 limited-term Health Facility Evaluator Nurse positions to permanent; (3) Adopted placeholder trailer bill legislation to establish a special fund—the Licensing and Certification Fund—and any necessary language regarding the collection of fees; (4) Rejected the Administration’s remaining trailer bill language changes without prejudice since policy legislation is proceeding on these issues; (5) Adopted trailer bill language which requires the DHS to provide the Legislature with a hiring plan for these positions by no later than October 1, 2006; and (6) Adopted Budget Bill Language that exempts all clinical positions within the L&C Division, including but not limited to, medical, nursing and pharmacy staff, from any unallocated reductions (i.e., any reductions would have to be done through the budget process with the approval of the Legislature) (SBFR staff to provide).

3. Additional Staff for Fingerprint Investigation & Proposed Trailer Bill (Page 16)

- **Action.** (1) Approved the 14.5 positions, and (2) Deleted the proposed trailer bill language regarding criminal background checks since policy legislation is moving.
- **Vote.** 3-0

4. Long-Term Care Rate Adjustments per AB 1629, Statutes of 2004—DHS Staff & Local Assistance Discussion (Page 19)

- **Action.** (1) Adopted the LAO recommendation to reduce the Legal Office and to use the Licensing and Certification Fund for the 5 AGPA positions, (2) Retained all other funding aspects of the DHS proposal, and (3) Adopted trailer bill legislation, in lieu of the Administration's, to more narrowly limit the language regarding the use of the quality assurance fees for payment of DHS' expenditures.
- **Vote.** 3-0

5. Long-Term Care Rate Adjustment for Other Facilities—Local Assistance (Page 22)

- **Action.** Approved as proposed.
- **Vote.** 2-1 (Senator Cox)

6. Aged Drug Rebates—Extend 11 Positions for One-Year (Page 23)

- **Action.** (1) Approved the DHS staff requests, *and* (2) Reduced by \$15 million (\$7.5 million General Fund) to reflect savings to local assistance.
- **Vote.** 3-0
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7. Disease Management Pilot Program Implementation—LAO Issue (Page 24)

- **Action.** Adopted the LAO recommendation to (1) eliminate current-year funding for savings of \$750,000 (\$375,000 General Fund) and, (2) reduce the budget year proposal by \$1 million (\$500,000 General Fund).
- **Vote.** 3-0

8. Treatment Authorization Processing—Request for More Staff (Page 25)

- **Action.** Approved only three of the requested six positions, including the Medical Consultant, Nurse Consultant II and Staff Services Manager I. Deleted all others.
- **Vote.** 3-0

9. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability (HIPAA)—Staff (Page28)

- **Action.** Approved the positions.
- **Vote.** 3-0

10. Processing for Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program (Page30)

- **Action.** (1) Approved the DHS request to make the *existing* 11 limited-term positions permanent, (2) Approved the DHS request to *add* 4 limited-term AGPAs as requested, (3) Approved the DHS request for the Staff Services Manager I and Office Technician, and (4) Reduced the DHS request for 9 *new* AGPAs to provide only 2 AGPAs. Therefore, the overall DHS state support request would be reduced by 7 AGPA positions for savings of about \$320,000 General Fund. **Also**, reduced by \$6 million (\$2 million GF) to reflect **Vote.** 3-0
- **Vote.** 3-0

11. Vital Records Image Redaction and Statewide Access Project (VRIRSA) (Page 33)

- **Action.** Adopted the LAO recommendation in its entirety as shown in the agenda.
- **Vote.** 3-0

12. Clinical Laboratory Oversight—Fee Supported Staff Request (Page 36)

- **Action.** Approved the positions, *and* adopted trailer bill language to have the Bureau of State Audits do an audit of this program.
- **Vote.** 3-0